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THE BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL OF CANADA



IN the Summer of 1815, some years before the coming of Colonel By of His Majesty's Engineers, who in 1827 began, for strategic purposes the construction of the Rideau Canal, uniting the Ottawa River with Lake Ontario, the Earl of Dalhousie, standing on the Hull Shore, opposite where Ottawa now stands, remarked to a companion as he pointed to the height now known as Parliament Hill: "Do not be surprised if some day you should see on yonder eminence the seat of the Government of the two Canadas."

The prophecy of the noble Earl has been realized and the point named Ondatawa in Algonquin phraseology and latter as By Town in honor of Colonel By has now become the beautiful City of Ottawa, the Capital of the Dominion of Canada, with a population of 150,000, recognized everywhere as a center of wealth, industry and culture, with a possession of charm and scenic loveliness and endowed with historic associations, embellished with architectural treasures, that leave their impress on all who visit and enjoy its hospitality.

Nature with bountiful generosity has endowed the setting of the Canadian Capital with the best gifts she can bestow. From the woody sided precipitous plateau the eye is charmed and the imagination quickened by the vista of scenic loveliness presented. To the westward in the near distance lie the blue-veiled Laurentian Mountains. Below sweeps the majestic Ottawa River and joining it nearby descending through the Laurentians, rushes the turbulent Gatineau. Nearby too, the placid Rideau falls like a silken curtain into the Ottawa.

Above the city the Chaudiere Falls still picturesque, chained by the impositions of modern commerce supply the energy for the up-building of the great lumber and pulp mills and other industries that are linked with the names of the city's pioneers who have made famous the Ottawa Valley.

Being essentially a Government city the center of its energy and interest is the magnificent building known as the Federal Houses of Parliament, an imposing, tower crowned, gothic pile, surmounting and dominating the plateau which overlooks the broad and glistening Ottawa River and from which a commanding view of the surrounding country is obtainable.

The Original Houses of Parliament completed in the year 1867 were destroyed by fire with tragic occurrences in the year 1916, but from their ashes have arisen a structure far more beautiful and in historic interest and symbolism far more wonderful.

In the construction of the new Houses of Parliament all the genius consecrated to Art has been lavishly expended upon it. Confederation Hall, otherwise known as the Hall of Fame, a splendid corridor connecting the main entrance beneath the great tower with the magnificent Library situated in the rear, is in conception an execution, an artistic masterpiece of design, that will repay every lover of the beautiful who desires to visit and study the intent and purpose of its artistry. The great central structure, in the foreground, is winged by the East and West blocks, similar in construction and forming a trilogy of architectural beauty unsurpassed.

Government House the official residence of the Governor General is a fine estate situated near Rockliffe Park, within two miles of the Houses of Parliament and approached through a winding tree lined avenue.

Supplementing Nature the Ottawa Improvement Commission has done much to beautify the city. The Government Driveway, a continuous park, with miniature lakes, shaded, water-bordered pathways and rustic bridges connects Rockliffe Park with the Experimental Farm (see plan other side) and with its various extensions has an approximate length of thirty miles and constitutes a driveway unequalled in loveliness on the American continent.

Rockliffe Park, 185 acres in extent, Strathcona and Major's Hill Park with others of lesser note, provide a delightful chain of verdant and healthful open spaces.

The Experimental Farm situated 3 miles from the City Hall covers 460 acres, and is conveniently reached by an excellent car service and by the Dominion Driveway.

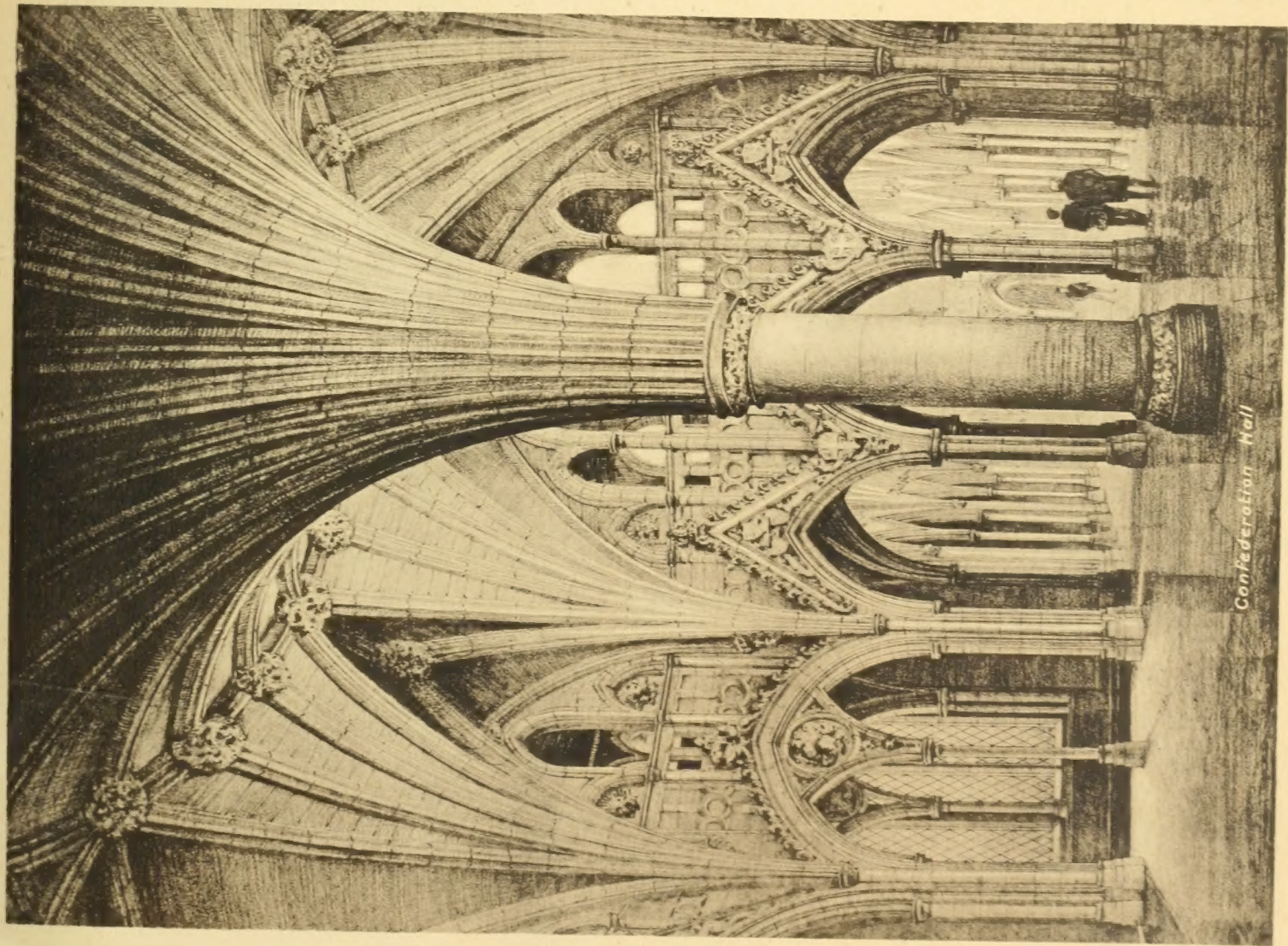
Beauty spots in the form of architectural treasures everywhere arise throughout the City in the form of departmental buildings, including the Archives, Customs Building, National Museum, including the National Gallery of Canada, Dominion Observatory, Royal Mint and others representative of Federal activities.

Delightful as is the Summer or Autumn climate of Ottawa, there is an enchantment fully as desirable in her Winter dress, the Winter Carnival was a revealer of the delight and exhilaration to be gained from Ski-ing, Snowshoeing, Tobogganing and other sports that are a part of the attractions of a Canadian Winter in Ottawa.

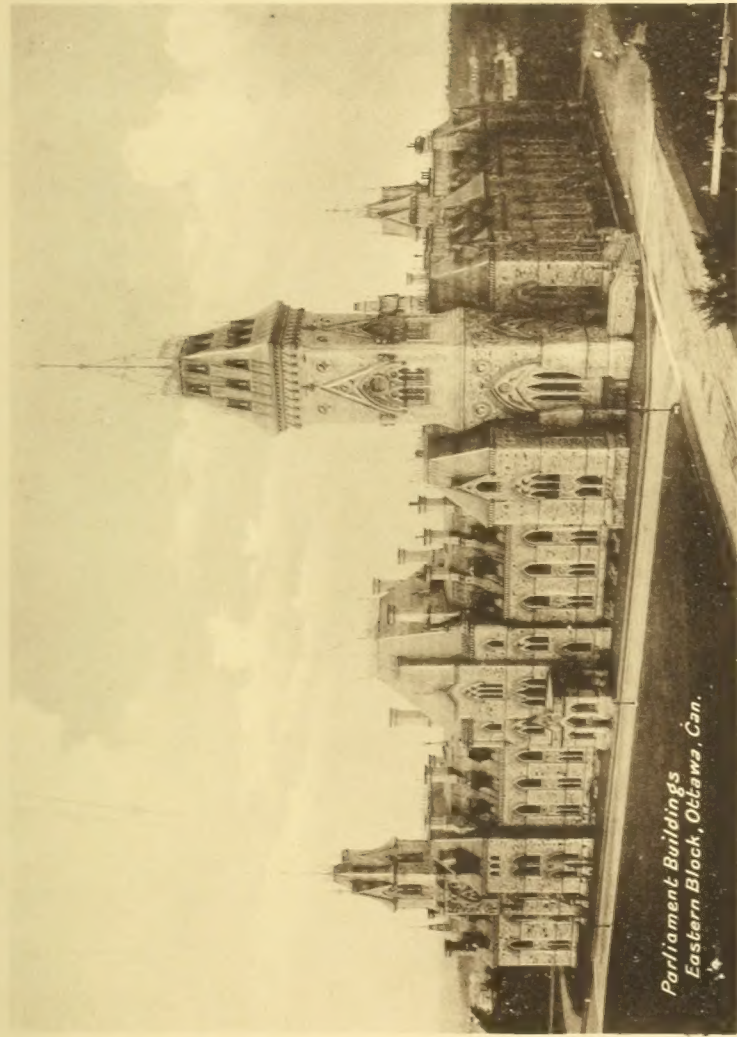




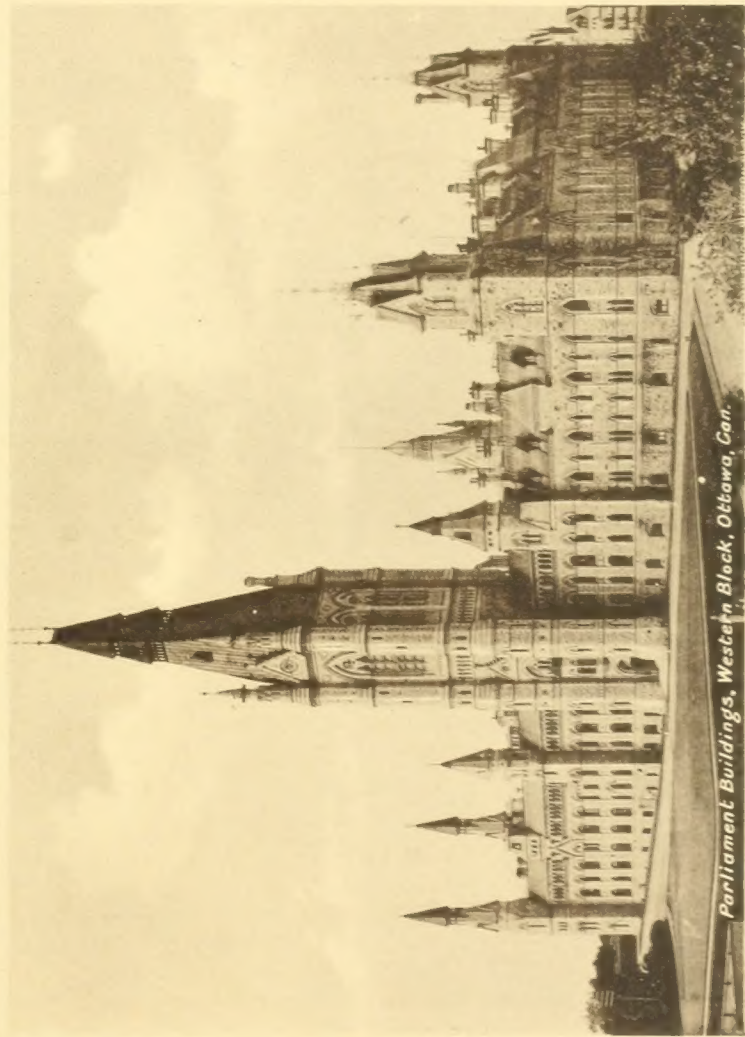
Parliament Buildings



Confederation Hall



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Parliament Buildings, Western Block, Ottawa, Can.



Château Laurier





Rideau Locks





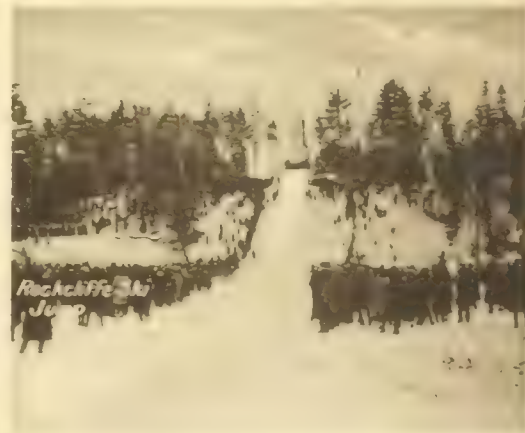




Chateau Laurier

View from the Hotel de Ville

Hotel de Ville







The Basilica



First Baptist



St. John's Episcopal Church



Chalmers Presbyterian Church



Anglican Cathedral



STATUES ON PARLIAMENT HILL Baldwin-Lefebvre



Victoria Statue



McKenzie Statue



SCENES IN REDEGLIOPH PARK









Connaught Building



Market Street



Granville Street



Public Library



Market Street



Club Ottawa Golf Club



Royal Montreal Golf Club

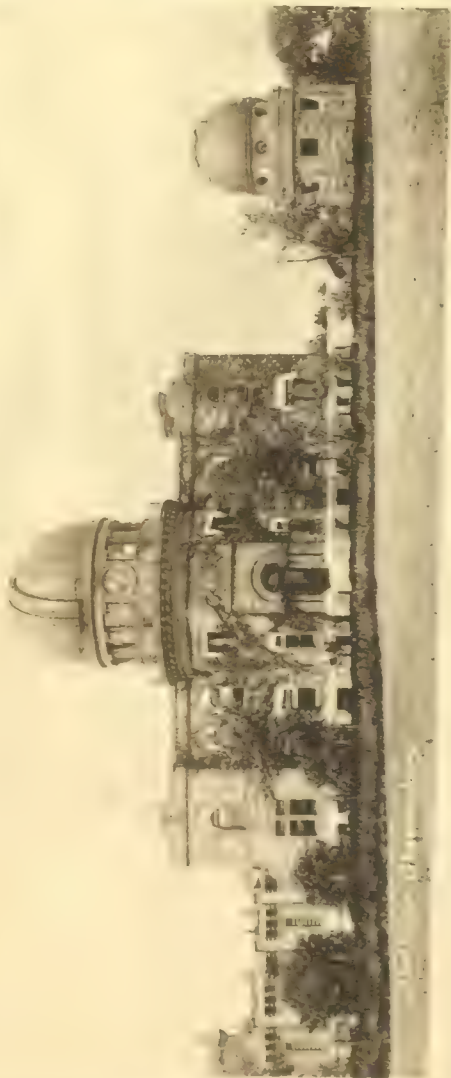


Richmond Golf Club



St. Lawrence Golf Club







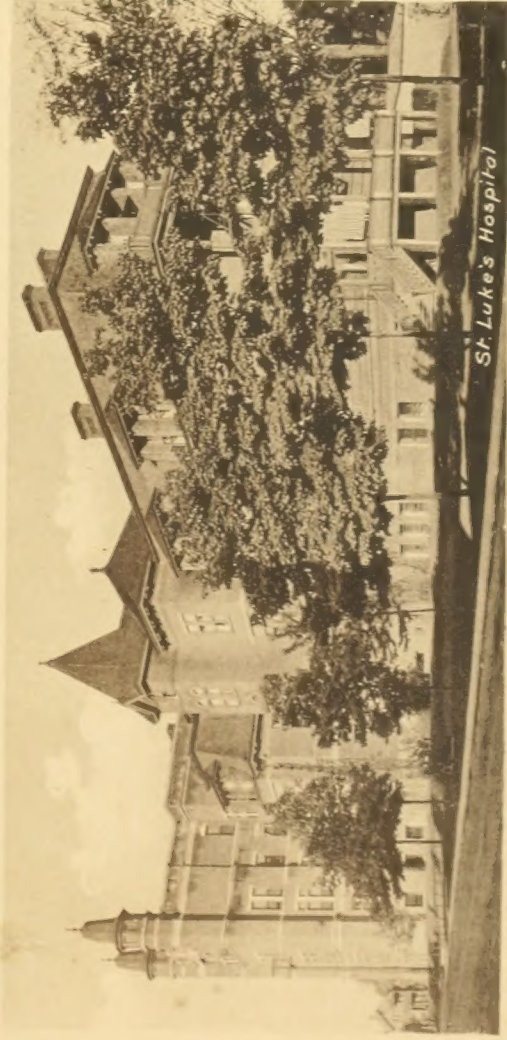


Intercolonial Bridge
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